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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

This is a reply to the outstanding Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 29, 2006 in the above-identified patent application. A reply to the Office Action is due by November 29, 2006; accordingly, this reply is timely filed.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 52 of this Amendment.